

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

COMMISSION MASTER LIST – WILDLIFE

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Black Bear Quotas (2013) – Final

Proposed adjustments to harvest quotas outside biennial quota ranges listed below. All other quotas will remain unchanged from 2012 or will be adjusted within existing quota ranges. The Final proposal represents no change from initial adoption.

- BMU 700: Increase the fall license quota from 4 to 8

Spring Turkey Quotas (2013) – Final

Proposed adjustments to special permit quotas listed below. All other quotas are proposed to remain unchanged from 2012. The Final proposal represents no change from initial adoption.

- 282-20: Increase spring turkey special permits from 100 to 150
- 445-20: Decrease spring turkey special permits from 10 to 5

HD 455 and HD 121 Bighorn Sheep Closure – Final

The Final proposal has been adjusted from the initial adoption with the proposed addition of the ewe harvest closure in HD 121. See details below.

FWP proposes to close the HD 455 bighorn sheep hunt until sheep numbers rebound and older age class rams become available.

The HD 121 bighorn sheep population has been declining for five years. Potential causes of the decline include highway mortality and the possibility of higher mountain lion predation. Ewe licenses offered for HD 121-30 were reduced to 1 during 2011 and 2012. FWP proposes closing the ewe hunt (eliminating HD 121-30).

Bighorn Sheep Research Capture/Removal – Endorse

The proposed action is to allow the 2013 research capture and removal to out-of-state facilities of 4 – 6 adult animals from FWP Region 2 for disease investigation.

Suspension of CWD Plan Elements – Proposed

This proposal is to temporarily suspend some management and surveillance portions of Montana's approved CWD plan until a new plan is approved. In light of new information and research FWP's wildlife health staff is currently developing new alternatives for the management portion of the plan. In addition, FWP is developing plans for reduced surveillance efforts commensurate with current funding levels. These efforts will lead to development of new alternatives that will ultimately be submitted to the FWP Commission for approval.

Elk Brucellosis Work Plan (2013) – Informational

Livestock Loss Board Member Solicitation - Informational

